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**International
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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before: Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge

SITUATION IN DARFUR, SUDAN

IN THE CASE OF THE PROSECUTOR V. BAHAR IDRIS ABU GARDA

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Decision on the Legal Representatives of Victims' Request

Decision to be notified in accordance with regulation 31 of the *Regulations of the Court* to:

The Office of the Prosecutor

Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo
Mr Essa Faal

Counsel for the Defence

Mr Karim A.A. Khan
Mr Andrew J. Burrow

Legal Representatives of the Victims

Mr Brahim Koné
Ms Hélène Cissé
Mr Akin Akinbote
Colonel Frank Adaka

Legal Representatives of the Applicants

Unrepresented Victims

**Unrepresented Applicants for
Participation/Reparation**

**The Office of Public Counsel for
Victims**

Ms Paolina Massidda

**The Office of Public Counsel for the
Defence**

Mr Xavier-Jean Keïta

States Representatives

Amicus Curiae

REGISTRY

Registrar & Deputy Registrar

Ms Silvana Arbia
Mr Didier Preira

Victims and Witnesses Unit

Defence Support Section

Detention Section

**Victims Participation and Reparations
Section**

Other

I, Judge Sylvia Steiner, Presiding Judge of Pre-Trial Chamber I (“the Chamber”) at the International Criminal Court (“the Court”);

NOTING the oral decision rendered during the hearing of 30 October 2009, whereby the Chamber, *inter alia*, granted the Legal Representatives of Victims until Monday 16 November 2009 to file their final written observations;¹

NOTING the “Requête aux fins d’ extension du délai fixé par la Chambre Préliminaire pour le dépôt des observations écrites finales des représentants légaux des victimes” of 13 November 2009 (the “Request”), whereby Ms. Hélène Cissé, Legal Representatives of victims a/0434/09,a/0435/09,a/0456/09 to a/0462/09, a/0579/09 and a/0580/09 and Mr. Brahim Koné, Legal Representatives of victims a/0170/09 to a/0192/09 (collectively, the “Legal Representatives of Victims”) requested the Chamber to be granted until Monday 23 November 2009 to submit their final written observations;²

NOTING regulation 35(2) of the Regulations of the Court (the “Regulations”);

CONSIDERING that the Legal Representatives of Victims request such extension due to technical problems which affected their access to the e-court system of the Court, and the Presiding Judge is of the view that this constitutes “good cause” in accordance with regulation 35(2) of the Regulations;

¹ ICC-02/05-02/09-T-21-Red-ENG, pp. 82-83.

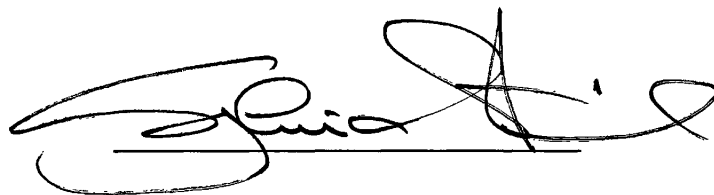
² ICC-02/05-02/09-226.

CONSIDERING further that, bearing in mind the extension requested by the Legal Representatives of Victims and the deadlines set for the submission of the parties' and participants' final written observations, the Presiding Judge does not deem it appropriate, for the purposes of regulation 35(2) of the Regulations, to hear the parties and participants before deciding on the Request;

FOR THESE REASONS,

GRANT the Legal Representatives of Victims until Monday, 23 November 2009 to submit their final written observations.

Done in both English and French, the English version being authoritative.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Steiner', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Judge Sylvia Steiner

Presiding Judge

Dated this Friday, 13 November 2009

At The Hague, The Netherlands